



Hill Chorlton Road Safety Campaign

Consultation with residents on a Road Safety Plan for Hill Chorlton

Summary report
September 2020



Following two road traffic accidents on the A51 Hill Chorlton in the space of four weeks and unresolved difficulties over the siting of the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) that are intended to protect pedestrians on the narrow footway through the settlement of Hill Chorlton, residents drew up a 12-point Road Safety Plan which they put to residents of Hill Chorlton and the surrounding area for consultation.

Table 1: Number of responses

Area	Responses
Hill Chorlton	34
Chorlton Moss	2
Sandy Lane	9
Woodside	8
Kennels Lane	7
Maer	2
Baldwins Gate	9
Total	71

A total of **71** individuals responded. **Table 1** shows the numbers of responses received from the areas targeted.

Table 2 on the next page shows how people responded to the proposed safety measures. Agreement with the 12 points ranged from 97% to 86%.

Comments were written by 16 Hill Chorlton residents and 17 residents of the surrounding areas. The issues raised in the comments will be taken into account and incorporated into the Road Safety Plan as it is developed further to include the

concerns of the wider community in the Hill Chorlton area.

Some of the points in the Road Safety Plan can be achieved in the near term without major expense and with county councillor and parish council support. Others may take longer to achieve, but interim solutions for some would be possible. Some near-term and interim solutions could be implemented through community action. Other interim solutions will involve commitment of precept funds by the parish council. For more than 40 years a disproportionate amount of the parish precept has been spent in Chapel Chorlton for the benefit of a small proportion of the parish's population. Funds allocated to making the A51 safer for vulnerable road users in the northern part of the parish would be well and fairly spent.

The full report is being submitted in the first instance to the county councillor for Newcastle Rural ward, whose remit includes highways issues within the ward. It is also hoped that the interim parish council will engage with the community living on the A51 and in the smaller settlements on the northern side of the highway to support it in every way to resolve current issues and to improve the safety of the A51 and its connecting lanes.

The Road Safety Plan will now be taken forward and further developed through the formation of a local community group. The campaign will be open ended, continually seeking safety improvements on the A51 and connecting lanes in the Hill Chorlton neighbourhood.

Table 2: Responses to the proposed safety measures (ordered by percentages)

	Proposal	Agree	%
1	Extend existing 40mph zone eastwards to Kennels Lane and westwards to Maer War Memorial; the full 40mph zone to run from Kennels Lane (east) to Maer War Memorial (west), with dragon's teeth road surface markings at either end.	69	97%
3	Westbound: install VAS (solar powered) on approach to bend at Chapel House with "Bend" sign and "SLOW DOWN".	68	96%
7	Prohibit westbound overtaking from Chapel House to Sandy Lane.	68	96%
2	Eastbound: install Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) (solar powered) on approach to A51/Woodside junction with "Junction" sign and "SLOW DOWN".	67	94%
9	Resurface existing Hill Chorlton footway from Maerfield Gate to Sandy Lane.	66	93%
5	Re-site westbound SID to grid reference SJ 379836 339348 (about 80m west of current location).	65	92%
6	Site eastbound SID at grid reference SJ 379590 339247 (east of A51/Sandy Lane junction).	65	92%
12	Cut roadside hedge from Rose Cottage to Eden Rock, Hill Chorlton regularly during the growing season.	65	92%
4	Upgrade signage to increase the number of "40" road surface roundels.	63	89%
8	Install verged footway from Maer War Memorial to Woodside, to link up to existing Hill Chorlton footway.	63	89%
10	Install verged footway from Chapel House to Kennels Lane, to extend existing Hill Chorlton footway.	61	86%
11	Carry out maintenance on trees in cutting east of Maer War Memorial and west of Woodside	61	86%

Comments

Residents commented on the following issues:

- Vehicle speeds and overtaking on the A51
- Impact of speed on, and risks faced by, pedestrians
- Roadside parking in Hill Chorlton
- Speed limit and speed cameras on A51
- Extension of 40mph zone to Stableford and beyond
- Vehicle speeds on Sandy Lane and Woodside
- Large/heavy vehicles on narrow lanes
- Hedge cutting
- Flooding
- Road signs
- Equestrian road users

Full report online

You can read the full report and comments online at www.hillchorlton.co.uk.

Community updates

We will continue to keep the community updated at www.hillchorlton.co.uk and on Baldwins Gate Facebook.

Map of Hill Chorlton Road Safety Plan

Kennels Lane to Maer War Memorial

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